

medical portion of numerous special operations combat missions. Eventually he was selected to lead as the Senior Medic for the 1st Battalion for actions in Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2017, Master Sergeant Flowers became the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) for the Special Operations Aviation Regiment, overseeing all medical operations and participating in no-notice deployments in direct support of Special Operations Forces, under the direction of the Secretary of Defense and President of the United States. As the NCOIC for the Night Stalker Medical Treatment Facility, he served over 1,500 soldiers' occupational, aviation and emergency medicine needs.

For his faithful service and outstanding achievements, Master Sergeant Flowers received the Meritorious Service Medal, along with numerous other medals and awards, demonstrating his commitment to excellence and the lives of his fellow soldiers. He will forever be an example to countless soldiers and exemplifies the ideals of the United States Army. Having deployed with Master Sergeant Flowers to combat myself, I saw firsthand his incredible bravery and courage, and know that his skills were well beyond his scope as a flight medic. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend Master Sergeant Flowers for his service, and I congratulate him on the occasion of his retirement from the United States Army.

#### HONORING JEANNE PEDIGO

#### HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2020*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Jeanne Hann Pedigo of Salem, Virginia, who passed away on July 3, 2020 at the age of 91. Jeanne was a brilliant engineer in the field of aviation as well as an active participant in Salem's community life.

Jeanne was born in Roanoke, Virginia, to Thomas and Mildred Hann on November 29, 1928, the same day Thanksgiving was celebrated that year. She graduated from Andrew Lewis High School in 1946 and subsequently attended Lincoln Memorial University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, physics, and drama as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, English, and history.

Aviation became her life's work. She started at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the predecessor agency to NASA. While at Langley Field, she researched airflow on experimental fighter aircraft. She then joined North American Aviation and continued her research career in California. The projects she worked on included the F-86 Sabre, F-100 Super Sabre, and stellar supervised guidance systems for unmanned missiles. Jeanne also attended night school at the University of Southern California.

In 1953, Jeanne was spending Christmas at home. She went on a blind date with William Pedigo, who proposed to her the next day. She accepted three days later and they married four months later. They would remain married for 58 years until his death in 2012.

In 1970, Virginia Governor Linwood Holton appointed Jeanne to the Virginia Aviation

Advisory Board, now the Virginia Aviation Board. She was reappointed several times by later governors, Democrat and Republican, and in 1981 Governor John Dalton named her the first female chairman. Jeanne left the board for the private sector in 1986, working at Campbell and Paris Engineers as Director of Business Planning and Governmental Affairs. Governor Jim Gilmore appointed her for another stint on the Aviation Board in 1998, and she served until 2002.

Jeanne pursued a variety of interests outside of her career in aviation, including numerous community activities and hobbies. She was involved in the YWCA, Girl Scouts, Greene Memorial Church Chancel and Concert choirs, Covenant Presbyterian Church choir, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, Roanoke airport support groups, the Air Force Association, and the International Rotary Club. The Republican Committees of both Roanoke City and County benefited from her service, as did candidates for the Virginia General Assembly. She also gardened, read often, and studied the genealogy of her family.

Survivors of Jeanne include her two daughters, Linda Jean Pedigo and JoAnn P. Crouch, two grandchildren, Zachariah Crouch and Lindsey Crouch Streng, and two great-grandchildren, Skyler Streng and Blaire Streng.

The author Tom Wolfe famously wrote of the "right stuff" possessed by the flight test pilots of the postwar era and early space program—the blend of skill and confidence required to stand out in the field. Jeanne Pedigo showed in her own way that she, too, had the right stuff, using her formidable intellect and abilities to build an exceptional career in the field of aviation.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS

#### HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2020*

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, Representative John Lewis was a man with such character and conviction, and it is with great sadness that we gather here on the House floor without him today.

Though many of my colleagues referred to him simply as "JOHN", I always recognized him as "Mr. LEWIS", because of the profound respect I had for him.

No matter the occasion, when JOHN spoke about an issue, rooms would fall silent and people would grasp onto every word. Undeniably, he helped carry the mantle for the civil rights movement in the United States, and he stood on the front lines of the campaign to end Jim Crow laws with the same passion he held during his time as a member of the People's House.

JOHN was more than just a legislator; he was a friend to both Republicans and Democrats alike. Issues of the day may have brought heated debate, but JOHN was always willing to extend his hand across the aisle in both partnership and friendship.

May God provide his family with both counsel and comfort during this time. We will never forget his passion, his spirit, and the pursuit of justice that encapsulated his life's work.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF ANGELA NAVARRO

#### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2020*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Angela Navarro for her service to the Commonwealth of Virginia during the COVID-19 outbreak and response. Ms. Navarro currently serves as the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the State of Virginia and went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure my constituents in the First District were protected and received the most up to date information.

Angela previously served as Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources under both Virginia Governors Northam and McAuliffe where she focused on energy and clean air policies. Prior to her appointments, Angela spent five years practicing law with the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) as a member of the Clean Energy and Air team.

Throughout the Coronavirus outbreak and response, Angela was a valued resource to my operations to keep my constituents informed, as well as the rest of the Commonwealth. In addition to her duties as the Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Trade, she participated in town halls and calls with local officials to brief and answer complicated questions about relief for small businesses. She also served as a representative for the VA Governor's office to explain the nuanced rules for businesses during increased restrictions. She was critical to getting information to my constituents when information and transparency was in high demand.

Ms. Navarro is a true public servant and the First Congressional District is grateful for her service to the Commonwealth and the Nation. Madam Speaker, today I am honored to recognize Angela Navarro.

#### 100TH BIRTHDAY OF REAR ADMIRAL DOUGLAS C. PLATE

#### HON. JOE CUNNINGHAM

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2020*

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Rear Admiral Douglas C. Plate.

Born 1920, he attended the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, and was commissioned in 1941. A man of many talents, Rear Adm. Plate had a steadfast foundation of success in his military career. He served on the staff of many fleets in the Pacific and Mediterranean during the second World War. Rear Adm. Plate commanded numerous vessels, like the USS *Everett Larson* and USS *Mitscher*.

President Nixon assigned Rear Adm. Douglas C. Plate as Commander of the Second Atlantic Fleet, headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia in 1970. He recalls the most memorable moment of his Naval career to be when General MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender for the Allied Powers. Rear Adm. Plate was the Junior Officer of the Watch on the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay when this happened,

and what a glorious and memorable day to witness. Plate was appointed Vice Admiral by President Nixon in July 1972. He retired as a Deputy Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff, U.S. Atlantic Command and the U.S. Atlantic Fleet in August 1975.

A member of the Greatest Generation, Rear Adm. Plate was married to Peggy Deane Plate for 61 years and has two children. When he is not enjoying the local life of the Lowcountry, he has been very involved in many civic committees and boards.

Mr. Plate has lived an incredibly rich life that has spanned an entire century. On behalf of South Carolina's First Congressional District, I extend a happy birthday and wish many blessings to Rear Admiral Douglas C. Plate on his 100th Birthday.

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HONORING SARA MANISCALCO  
ROBINSON AS IOWAN OF THE  
WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, as we near Independence Day, I am reflecting on all of the selfless contributions and sacrifices our servicemembers have made for our country since July 4, 1776. That is why today, I rise to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Sara Maniscalco Robinson, the Executive Director and Founder of Iowa Veterans' Perspective, as our Iowan of the Week.

Veterans' Perspective is a nonprofit Sara launched to help preserve our nation's history through the stories of our hometown heroes through veteran interviews. Without Veterans' Perspectives there to capture the memories and experiences of our veterans, who knows how many valuable stories of courage and heroism might have been lost to history. They capture these stories to ensure they are preserved for future generations, all—thanks to the work of one selfless Iowa veteran.

Sara's passion and vision in creating Veterans' Perspective comes from the experiences in her own life. She attended Boone High School and was active in its student newspaper. Right after graduation, Sara joined the National Guard and began a military career in public affairs and journalism with the reserves. 1st Sergeant Maniscalco Robinson served more than 20 years, including two deployments and travel to locations including Kosovo and El Salvador, and completed with honor and distinction.

In 2007, Sara began volunteering some of her time to conduct interviews of Iowa veterans for Iowa's Gold Star Museum. Her journalistic instincts and service record allowed Sara to speak freely and frankly with veterans about some of the most challenging moments of their service, collecting their experiences so that civilians and the general public could better understand the service and sacrifice these servicemembers have given to our country. She interviewed Iowa veterans about their experiences in Vietnamese POW camps, the brutal tours of the Korean War, and the everyday heroism as told-by Iowa's World War II veterans. What began as a volunteering opportunity for Sara turned into a mission to cap-

ture and preserve these remarkable stories before we lose the voices of those who carry them.

Sara herself highlighted one veteran story that stands out among the many she has heard, the one that she credits for inspiring her journey into creating Veterans' Perspective. Larry Spenser was a POW in Vietnam, captured and imprisoned at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" for 7 years. Larry had no access to the outside world—he didn't know what day, time, month, or even year it was. In his interview with Sara, he explained that in their custody, the prisoners of war fell into two camps: those who believed that they would never escape, and those who believed that every single day was the day they would escape. In the former, Larry explained, you were right every day but one—but the latter, you were wrong every single day, save one. Stories like these, stories of trial, turmoil, and tenacity, are preserved thanks to the work of Sara and her team.

After 10 years as a volunteer at the Iowa Gold Star Museum, Sara founded Iowa Veterans' Perspective in 2017 to continue sharing the stories of veterans online for everyone to see. It is because of Sara's continued service to her state and country that thousands of veterans' voices live on, preserved for future generations to better understand the cost of freedom.

On Independence Day, we celebrate our great nation and the veterans whose sacrifices have preserved it in the face of great challenges. On this Fourth of July, as we think of our nation's history and those veterans who have played a critical role in shaping our shared future, we have ways of hearing their stories and remembering those sacrifices because of the selfless work everyday heroes like Sara have done to keep it for us. It is my honor to recognize 1st Sergeant Sara Maniscalco Robinson as this week's Iowan of the Week.

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CONGRATULATING THE DAVIS  
FAMILY

**HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2020*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Davis family for being named Greene County's Farm Family of the Year for 2020. All winners of the Farm family of the Year program are judged on their farm production, efficiency, management, family life and their rural and community involvement. Farm families work tirelessly to provide for themselves and for the American people, and the impact they have on their communities, on the state of Arkansas in its entirety, and on the economy is immeasurable. The Davis family has worked tirelessly to deserve this honor. I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing them a congratulations.

HONORING THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF PRESIDENT ALISA WHITE OF TENNESSEE

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2020*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Alisa White of Austin Peay State University for her distinguished leadership in service to Tennesseans.

President White was inaugurated as APSU's tenth president on June 30, 2014, due to her dedication to educating students and her exceptional skills as a leader. Since her inauguration, President White has led the University to an increase in the quality of academic programs, breaking multiple enrollment records and topping 11,000 students in the Fall 2019 semester.

Because of her strong commitment to excellence, President White's initiatives have experienced extraordinary success, with state-of-the-art expansions to the campus and the introduction of new academic programs, including the University's first doctoral programs and Tennessee's first bachelor's program in Aviation Science. The culture of success that she has bred on campus led to the football team winning its first Ohio Valley Conference title since 1977 and the men's basketball team ranking in the national NCAA tournament, along with several other OVC championships across the athletic department.

President White was also successful in transitioning governance of the University to an institutional Board of Trustees, thereby creating the avenue for success that the University has experienced. She has also set all-time records for total fundraising for the last three years and earned state and national attention for innovative partnerships. However, not only has she raised the standard for education in Tennessee, President White has proven herself a leader during the COVID-19 pandemic, spearheading a state-wide effort to produce face shields in support of medical workers.

President White is a strong leader with a commitment to service that exemplifies the American spirit. As individuals across the nation seek innovative leaders to aspire toward, President White is an excellent model. On behalf of the United States Congress, I wish to commend President White for her innovative leadership and service to the city of Clarksville; the University, and Tennesseans everywhere.

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IN RECOGNITION OF DR. RICHARD WILLIAMS

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 20, 2020*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Richard S. Williams, MD, MPH for his service to the Commonwealth of Virginia during the COVID-19 outbreak and response. Dr. Williams is the District Director of the Three Rivers Health District and Acting District Director of the Eastern Shore Health District for Virginia Department